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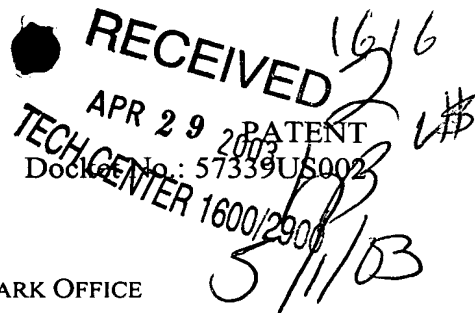
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Copies are enclosed of additional documents which are relevant to the captioned U.S. patent application, along with an additional PTO form PTO-FB-A820 (PTO-1449) listing the new documents.

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minute making certain to rub over the skin in the entire area within the cylinder. The solution was removed and placed into a sterile test tube using a pipet. A second aliquot of 2.5 mL of sampling solution was added to the cylinder and the process repeated. The two 2.5-mL aliquots were combined into one tube. To the test tube was added 50 microliters of *Staphylococcus epidermidis* ATCC Number 12228 at a concentration sufficient to yield a diluted concentration in the combined sampling solution of *Staphylococcus epidermidis* ATCC Number 12228 at a concentration sufficient to yield a diluted concentration in the combined sampling solution of approximately 20-50 colony forming units (CFU)/mL Control samples of both the Standard Sterile Solution (SSS) and Modified Sterile Solution (MSS) were also run. In one set of controls the bacteria were inoculated directly into SSS and MSS as well as into Butterfield's phosphate buffered water (PBW) (*Journal of Bacteriology*, Vol. 23, No. 355, (1932)) [(*Journal of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists*, Vol. 22, 625 (1939)))] to determine if the sampling solutions were toxic to the bacteria. - -